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SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG USES A SPEECH ON AGRICULTURAL POLICY TO EXPOUND POLITICAL AIMS
1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SPEAKING BEFORE CATHOLIC FARMERS' ORGANIZATION IN TAEJON APRIL 11, K I M DAE JUNG (M-R: K I M TAE-CHUNG) CALLED FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT, A PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM, AND SMALL, ONE-MAN CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. IN HIS SPEECH, TITLED "DEMOCRACY AND THE FARMERS' RIGHTS", KIM SAID THAT TRADITIONAL THOUGHT HAD IT THAT THE URBAN AREAS WENT TO THE OPPOSITION (HE WAS CAREFUL NOT TO USE THE TERM NDP, AND RURAL AREAS TO THE DRP. HOWEVER, THE DRP REGIME HAS DONE SO LITTLE FOR THE FARMER THAT IT SHOULD BE SHOWN THROUGH ELECTIONS THAT THE RURAL AREAS ALSO BELONG TO THE OPPOSITION.
3. IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY KIM SAID SOME THINGS THAT DOUBTLESS PLEASED HIS LISTENERS -- FARMING IS THE BASIC INDUSTRY OF THE NATION; GRAIN IMPORTS SHOULD
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BE REDUCED; AGRICULTURAL INCOME SHOULD BE INCREASED BY MORE EFFICIENT MARKETING MECHANISMS; AND THE EDUCATION OF RURAL YOUTH SHOULD BE "GUARANTEED".
4. COMMENT: THIS WAS KIM'S FIRST SPEECH OUTSIDE SEOUL SINCE HIS CIVIL RIGHTS WERE RESTORED, AND THE AUDIENCE (2,000 INSIDE THE HALL AND ANOTHER 3,000 OUTSIDE) APPRECIATED THE CHANCE TO HEAR THE MAN REPUTED TO BE THE BEST PUBLIC SPEAKER IN THE COUNTRY. THE NEXT INSTALLMENT IS DUE APRIL 16, WHEN KIM ADDRESSES AN AUDIENCE AT THE HANNAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. GLEYSTEEN
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